

FOMNRR Board Meeting Notes
August 25 from 1 to 2:30 PM
NPS Conference Room or by Teams Connection

- Review/approval of agenda
- Approval of June minutes
- Financial report – Bob Foley
 - \$6,601.37 balance, pending \$247 deposit
- MNRR updates – NPS staff
 - James Island – Dave
 - i. Things look favorable. Lots of movement on James Island. Commissioners voted in favor of land transfer to MNRR. Mid-September time frame for closing.
 - Niobrara River – Dave
 - i. Legislative proposals were made for the feasibility of the State of Nebraska running the Niobrara Scenic River instead of NPS:
[Some see threat, others opportunity in proposed shift of management for scenic Niobrara River • Nebraska Examiner](#)
- Updates on previously held events
 - Homestead Day – 6/14 – Pierson Ranch
 - i. New vendor for raptor program did a great job. Very well attended event with good weather.
 - Marina Day 6/14 – Weigand Recreation Area
 - i. NPS interpretation team ran the kayak relay race with visitors to the NE L&C SP event. The park was very thankful that we were there!
 - Riverboat Days
 - i. Hot and humid. Very well attended this year. The MNRR Interpretation team did a terrific job in the heat and handled over 3,700 contacts to the Mobile Ranger Station during the three day event.
- Upcoming Events – NPS Volunteer Appreciation Cookout
 - Sept. 12th - 5:30-8 – Riverside Park. All FOMNRR members are encouraged and invited to celebrate MNRR volunteers who helped with park programming in 2025.
 - Funding request – Tom
 - i. No quorum during the board meeting. Contingency of \$100 approved for the vote. **Action:** Paul will send out a vote via email for approval/denial for the request.

- Grant applications - Harrison
 - NPF application submitted 7/21
 - i. Provide funding for an Executive Director & a consultant
 - ii. Harrison reported that the possibility looks good!
 - A collective marketing campaign was announced today: The National Park Foundation (NPF) is delighted to share that today, August 25, they are launching **All For Parks** – a collective marketing campaign. All For Parks is intended to be a powerful rallying cry that brings together NPF, park and corporate partners, and the public in support of parks. The campaign, which will run for the next several years, will bring greater awareness to this community and inspire people to join us all in supporting national parks.
 - i. To mark the launch, NPF will fill our social media channels with All For Parks content on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Park partners are an important part of this campaign and park partners participating in the Collective Campaign will have the added benefit of access to the All For Parks creative toolkit.
 - ii. **All nonprofit partners to the National Park Service are invited to participate in the Collective Campaign and join the effort to expand the network of national park supporters.** We hope you'll consider joining NPF, the National Park Friends Alliance, and the 100+ Campaign partners in this movement to elevate national parks as a philanthropic priority.
 - iii. To join the Campaign or learn more, please reach out to Charlotte Ford, cford@nationalparks.org.
- NPS seasonal staff housing - possible grant application
 - i. MNRR is working with other entities for the possibility of park housing in the future.
- Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail York film – NPS staff
 - Possible showings?
 - i. Bob Foley attended the showing at the Sioux City Interpretive Center and reported that it is a good film.
 - ii. MNRR will not pursue showing the film this year.
- FOMNRR bylaw review & revisions - Redline version
 - Paul send out the bylaws for review and revisions. Harrison and David have commented – needs more weigh-in.
- 2026 FOMNRR Work Plan development - 9/30 deadline
 - Fundraising – business & corporate outreach.
 - i. Fundraising needs ever present - Bob

- Member & Board recruitment
- Promotion & communication
- FOMNRR E-newsletter
- FOMNRR Website & social media
 - i. Bob reported that \$600 is due for website maintenance on **9/20/25**
- Tom will send out a poll for working on the 2026 FOMNRR/MNRR Annual Work Plan.
- Potential dates for the next meeting for the new Doodle poll
 - Week of 9/22 – 9/26
- Adjourn by 2:30 PM
 - Meeting started at 2:03 pm; ended at 2:02 pm.